



STEUBEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE **PRESS RELEASE**

Subject: Social Media School Threats

Date: October 27th, 2021

The Steuben County Sheriff's Office, City of Corning Police Department, and Corning Painted-Post School District would like to advise our community of a trending pattern of threats that is occurring nationwide, involving the use of social media platforms such as TikTok and Snapchat. We are collectively monitoring this trend in which individuals are creating fake accounts, and copying templates into the posts which use generically worded threat language. Unfortunately, this has occurred a number of times during the past week within our region. Investigation has failed to reveal credible evidence of a threat to local schools. We continue to take every threat seriously, and pool resources in an attempt to substantiate their potential credibility. As always, we will take appropriate action to ensure the safety of our students, and we will continue to share any potential concerns with our school community.